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SUBJECT: S&T: WATER RESOURCES: COLD WEATHER
CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

REF: MOSCOW 12939

FOR SCICONS

1. CONSTRUCTION SITE VISITS PROPOSED IN REFTEL ACCEPTABLE TO PROJECT COORDINATOR BROWN. IF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE PROJECT TEAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT THE PERMAFROST INSTITUTE AT YAKUTSK. FYI. AS RESULT OF ATTENDANCE BY US REPRESENTATIVES (INCLUDING COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY--CRREL) AT THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON PERMAFROST HELD IN YAKUTSK IN SUMMER OF 1973, CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN PROFESSOR MELNIKOV OF THE INSTITUTE AND CRREL, WHOSE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, DEAN FRIETAG, IS ALSO PROJECT TEAM MEMBER. IN FURTHERANCE OF US OBJECTIVES US TEAM WOULD FIND CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH INSTITUTE DESIRABLE AND HELPFUL. END FYI.
2. BROWN LETTER TO KUDAYAROV OF JULY 22, 1974 INDICATED THAT US INITIAL PLAN OF ACTION FORWARDED TO SOVIETS IN AUGUST 1973, IN PROCESS OF REVISION AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SOVIET SIDE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 23. NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN AUGUST 1973 PLAN CONTEMPLATED. BROWN WILL HAVE UPDATED PLAN AVAILABLE AT OPENING OF DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 25. KISSINGER

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